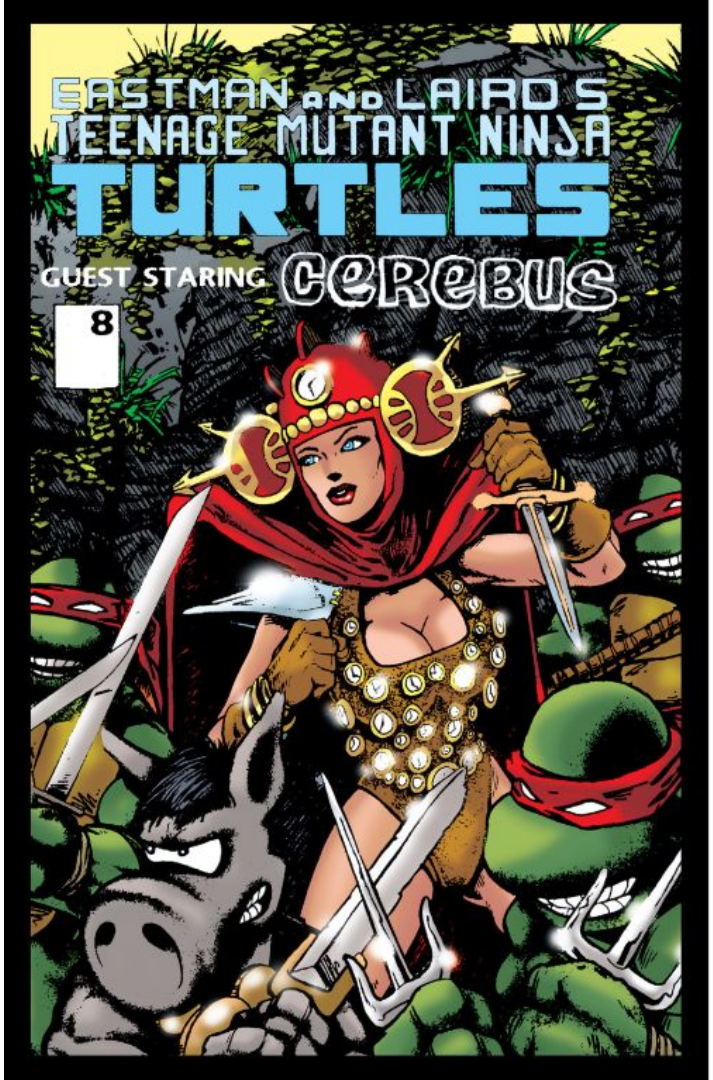
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DAVE SIM AND GERHARD
LETTERING AND
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
STEVE LAVIGNE
OOH, I'M GONNA BE IN TROUBLE -- I JUST KNOW IT! OH GEEZ!
IF HE CATCHES ME IN HIS PRIVATE CHAMBERS, HE'LL KILL ME... LIKE DEAD!
OOH, I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!
NO, WAIT--I'VE GOT IT! IF HE COMES IN RIGHT NOW, I'LL JUST SAY "FORGIVE ME, LORD SIMULTANEOUS, I HEARD A STRANGE NOISE, AND-- ... NO ... THAT WON'T WORK ... HOW ABOUT, "I SAW THIS HUGE GROSS ICKY DEMON RUN IN HERE, AND I THOUGHT ONLY TO PROTECT YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS." YEAH, THAT'S THE 'TICKET'!

OH, GET REAL, RENET! YOU CAN'T LET THAT OLD FOSSIL RUIN YOUR LIFE FOREVER!
I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN WANT THIS APPRENTICE TIME/STRESS JOB-- MOM AND DAD MADE ME TAKE IT, TO LEARN LIKE RESPONSIBILITY AND STUFF...
BUT PROBABLY THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS THING I'VE LEARNED..
..IS THAT MY PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO ANY PLACE AND TIME IS DOWN AT THE OTHER END OF THIS HALL!
OOH, I'LL BE KILLED FORSURE-- I KNOW IT!
OH GEEZ, OH GOD! HERE WE GO, BABE-- NO GUTS, NO GLORY!
AND THERE IT IS -- THE SCEPTRE THAT CONTAINS THE SACRED SANDS OF TIME! OLD SIMULTANEOUS SAID THAT WHOEVER HOLDS THE SCEPTRE--
-- HAS THE POWER TO JOURNEY TO ANY TIME AND PLACE IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSES-- JUST BY WISHING IT!
OOH WOW! AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS... IS...
...TAKE IT!
RENET!
POOP!
2

OH WOW, OH GOD OH GEEZ--! L-L-LORD S-SIMULTANEOUS--!!
REPLACE MY SCEPTRE, YOU BRAT!!!
W-WAIT, MASTER-- P-PLEASE! I-IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! S-SEE, I SAW A BIG DEMON, AN'-- WHOOPS!
OOH--!
BUMP
HUMPH! A LIAR, A THIEF-- AND A KLUTZ! I'LL HAVE YOUR HEAD, YOU VIXEN!
N-NO! PLEASE--! PLEASE SCEPTRE-- --TAKE ME AWAY, ANYWHERE, NOW!
FIZZT
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!
I NEED A PLACE...
OH! UMM... AH, NEW YORK? I LOVE NEW YORK! THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO GO!
STOP! I, SIMULTANEOUS, LORD OF TIME, COMMAND YOU TO STOP!
I NEED A DATE...
HUH? WELL, I COULD PROBABLY FIX YOU UP WITH A CUTE WALKING STICK--
A YEAR, STUPID!
OH! UH,-- UM OH, GEEZ--
19--AH--
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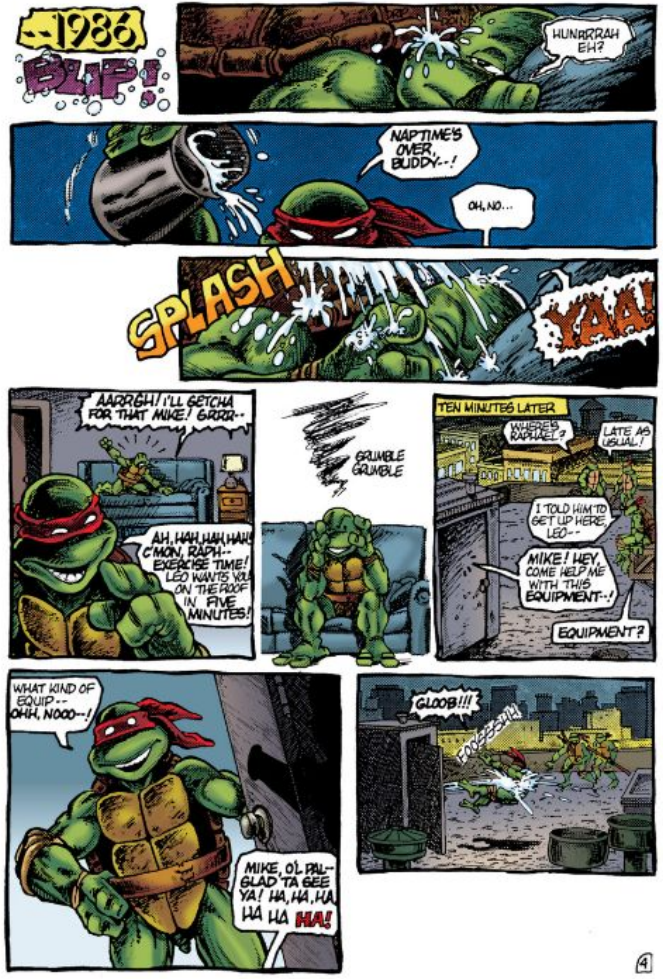
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BLIP!
HUNRRRAH
EH?
NAPTIME'S OVER, BUDDY--!
OH, NO...
SPLASH
YAA!
AARRGH! I'LL GETCHA FOR THAT MIKE! GRRR--
AH, HAH, HAH, HAH C'MON, RAPH-- EXERCISE TIME! LEO WANTS YOU ON THE ROOF IN FIVE MINUTES!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
TEN MINUTES LATER
WHERE'S RAPHAEL?
LATE AS USUAL!
I TOLD HIM TO GET UP HERE, LEO--
MIKE! HEY, COME HELP ME WITH THIS EQUIPMENT--!
EQUIPMENT?
WHAT KIND OF EQUIP-- OHH, NOOO--!
GLOOB!!!
SPLASH!
MIKE, O'L PAL-- GLAD TA SEE YA! HA, HA, HA HA HA HA!
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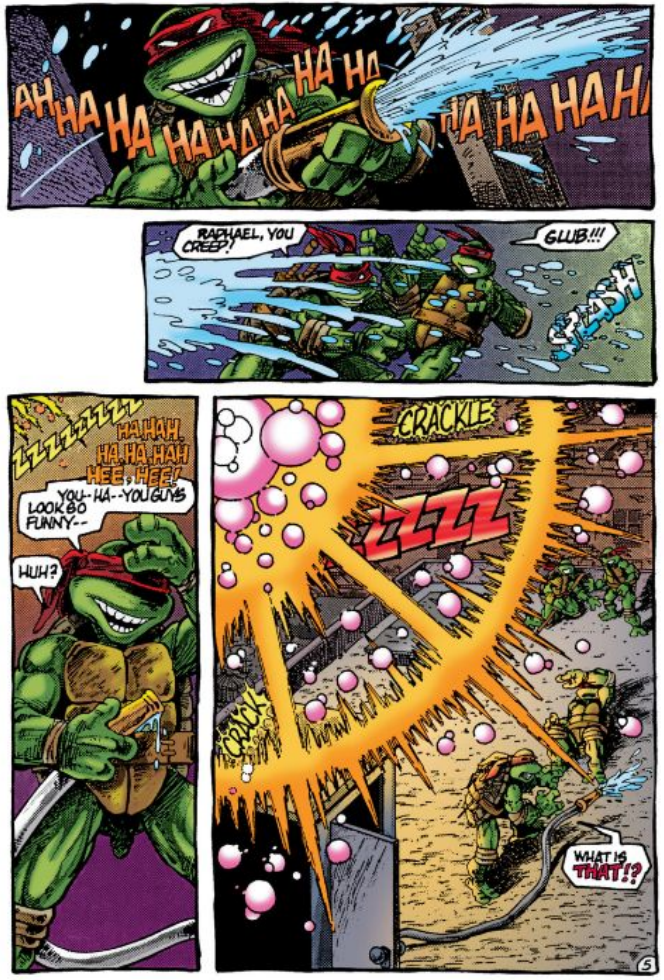
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RAPHAEL, YOU CREEP!
GLUB!!!
SPLASH
ZZZZZZZZ
HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HEE, HEE!
YOU-HA--YOU GUYS LOOK SO FUNNY--
HUH?
CRACKLE
ZZZZ
WHAT IS THAT!?
5

OOF
OH, WOW!
6

OW!
BLIP
LOOK OUT!
OOF!
UGH!

AAAAH!
W-WHAT ARE-Y-YOU?!
AH, DONATELLO-- AH--I'M A--AH NINJA TURTLE. WHO ARE YOU--?!

OH,--NICE TA MEETCHA!
UM--I'M RENET!
UMFP! LET ME UP!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE NEW YORK IN THE YEAR, 1986?
AH... YEAH--
--IT IS! GO?
7

OOH, I HATE THIS HAT--!
OKAY, BUT I DON'T GET IT-- AREN'T THERE SUPPOSED TO BE, LIKE, REAL... UM... PEOPLE-- Y'KNOW, LIKE ME-- AT THIS TIME? I MEAN-- DOES EVERYONE ELSE HERE LOOK LIKE YOU?
OH, NO-- MOST EVERYBODY HERE LOOKS LIKE YOU... SORT OF. WE'RE KIND OF... AH... SPECIAL!
YEAH, SPECIAL!
WHATTA BABE!
NO KIDDING? LIKE, THIS REALLY IS THE "BIG APPLE" CIRCA 1986? SWEAR TO GOD? FORSURE?
YOU BET!
OOH, WICKED COOL! I'VE GOT TO HAVE A CLOSER LOOK!
OH, YEAH!
THIS IS TOO WILD! LIKE, THIS IS REALLY IT! THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND LOVE! SUBWAYS AND SUSHI BARS!
I'M REALLY GONNA LOVE IT HERE!
3

HEY-- WHATS WITH THE SKY?
IT'S LIGHTING UP AGAIN-- RIGHT ABOVE US!
OOH, NOO! HE'S FOUND ME!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHO'S FOUND YOU, RENET? A FRIEND OF YOURS?
NO-- NOT A FRIEND-- MY MASTER--
--LORD SIMULTANEOUS!
RENET!!!
THE SCEPTRE--! IT'S MY ONLY HOPE--!
GURK!
OMPF!
BOMP
4

P-PLEASE-- YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!
H-HE'S GONNA KILL ME!
OK, OK--! DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE SAFE!
WE'LL PROTECT YOU!
HERE'S THE STAFF YOU DROPPED, RENET!
BEGONE, YOU PINHEADED MORTAL FREAKS! THE GIRL IS MINE!
LEAVE NOW! -- OR I'LL FRY ALL OF YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
FREAKS, HUH?! C'MON DOWN HERE, CHROME DOME AND WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'S WHAT!!!
OH, GEEZ--! THANK GOD I HAVE THE SCEPTRE-- I'LL USE IT TO BOP OUT OF HERE! BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THOSE FOUR LITTLE GUYS HERE-- SIMULTANEOUS WILL ZAP 'EM!
SCEPTRE, TAKE ALL FIVE OF US AWAY-- NOW!
I NEED A PLACE...
10

STOP! DESIST!
DO NOT USE THE... SCEPTRE...
OH, DAMN!
TAKE US TO A PLACE-- ANYPLACE ON THIS EARTH BEFORE HUMANS RECORDED TIME!
11

UH... AHEM!
OKAY, NOW I KNOW TODAY IS TUESDAY, BUT WHAT YEAR IS IT?
HMM... I DON'T THINK WE RECORD THAT YET.*
* YES WE DO -- IT'S 1406 - Tarim
AHEM!
COUGH! COUGH!
GOTTA HAVE AH WORD WORD WITH YA, SIR!
THAT'S ONE BAD-LOOKING FORTRESS, EH?
GIVES ME GOOSE BUMPS!
CEREBUS DISTINCTLY REMEMBERS TELLING YOU NOT TO WAKE HIM UP UNTIL SUNDOWN
THIS BETTER BE GOOD
12

EH, WELL... AH... TH' LADS AN' I 'AVE BEEN... AH... THINKIN OVER THE WHOLE BLOODY... AH... DEAL... AN'... AH...
GO ON.
I MEAN, WHEN YOU SAID "I'LL BE LIKE STEALIN' THE NOSE OFF A LEPER". WE... AH... DIDN'T EXPECT TO... AH... ENCOUNTER A FORTRESS OF SUCH... ER... MAGNITUDE!
UH HUH
ANY 'OW... AH... WHAT I'M TRYIN' TA SAY IS... UM... WELL... WE'RE HITTIN' THE ROAD... TAKIN' A POWDER... LEAVIN', YA KNOW?
CEREBUS THINKS THAT MIGHT PROVE DIFFICULT...
WITH NOTHING BUT BONE FRAGMENTS HOLDING YOUR KNEES AND ANKLES TOGETHER
YA KNOW?
SUNDOWN
DON'T FORGET OR CEREBUS WILL...
13

AHH--! MY EYES!
SORCERY.
DEMONS! GET BACK!
EEYOOWWOWWOOWOWW!!!!

WITHIN THE CASTLE...
IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE!
URRNNK...
WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHERE ARE WE?
EEEKKK!!! A DEMON!
OH, GEEZ--!
THE SCEPTRE--! IT'S HERE!!
GURR...? WHAT?!
OH, WOW-- MORE SPECIAL CREATURES! I HOPE WE DIDN'T HURT YOU!
DEMONS AND A WITCH!!
UH OH, ONE OF THOSE GUYS WE LANDED ON IS GOING FOR HIS SWORD-- COULD BE TROUBLE!

ARE YOU CRAZY?! "THE SCEPTRE" -- THE ONE THAT CONTAINS THE SACRED SANDS OF TIME? IT'S HERE, IN THIS DIMENSION-- NOW?!
YES! IT IS TRUE-- SEARCH YOUR MIND... FEEL THE POWER... THE FORCE...

TAKE IT EASY, FRIEND! WE'RE SORRY WE FELL ON TOP OF YOU-- BUT IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE, BELIEVE ME!
IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR APOLOGIES ASPARAGUS-FACE...
LET'S SEE IF YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THAT THING...

YYESSSSS-- I FEEL ITS PRESENCE SO STRONG!
IT MUST BE HERE, AND CLOSE BY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
AFTER ALL THESE AGES-- IT'S WITHIN MY REACH!
RIGHT OVER--

TINK
--THERE!

AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS!
CAPTAIN! I HAVE TWENTY OF YOUR BEST MEN MOUNTED AT ATTACK READY IN FOUR SECONDS! MOVE IT!

16

HEY, YOU GUYS-- CHILL OUT! NO NEED TO FIGHT-- I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
Y'SEE, BACK IN THE 79TH LEVEL OF THE DIMENSION OF NULL-TIME, I WAS, LIKE TOTALLY TIRED OF MY DULL, BORING LIFE AS APPRENTICE TO LORD SIMULTANEOUS, MASTER OF TIME... SO I DECIDED TO BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...

RIDE HARD, WARRIORS-- RIDE FAST! HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE TREELINE TO THE NORTH... AND MAY YOUR GODS HAVE MERCY ON ANY STRAGGLERS-- FOR I WILL NOT!

SO WHEN OLD LORD SIMULTANEOUS APPEARED IN NEW YORK, I WAS JUST SO SURE HE'D KILL US ALL, REAL SLOW AND HORRIBLE-- SO I USED THIS SCEPTRE TO POP US OFF TO HERE!
ANYWAY, THIS PLACE IS PRETTY GROSS... SO I'LL JUST HAVE THE SCEPTRE TAKE US AWAY TO SOME NICE PLACE, REAL SOON! OKAY?
LOOK-- CERBERUS HAS A FORTRESS TO BREAK INTO, SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR FRIENDS HERE AND GET WHEREVER YOU ...
...HORSES.

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SCATTER!
SURROUND THEM! CUT THEM OFF!
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, CAPTAIN--
I'LL HANDLE THIS--
MY SPECIAL WAY!
ZZZZ
WHUMP
FUMP
BLUMP
BOMPH
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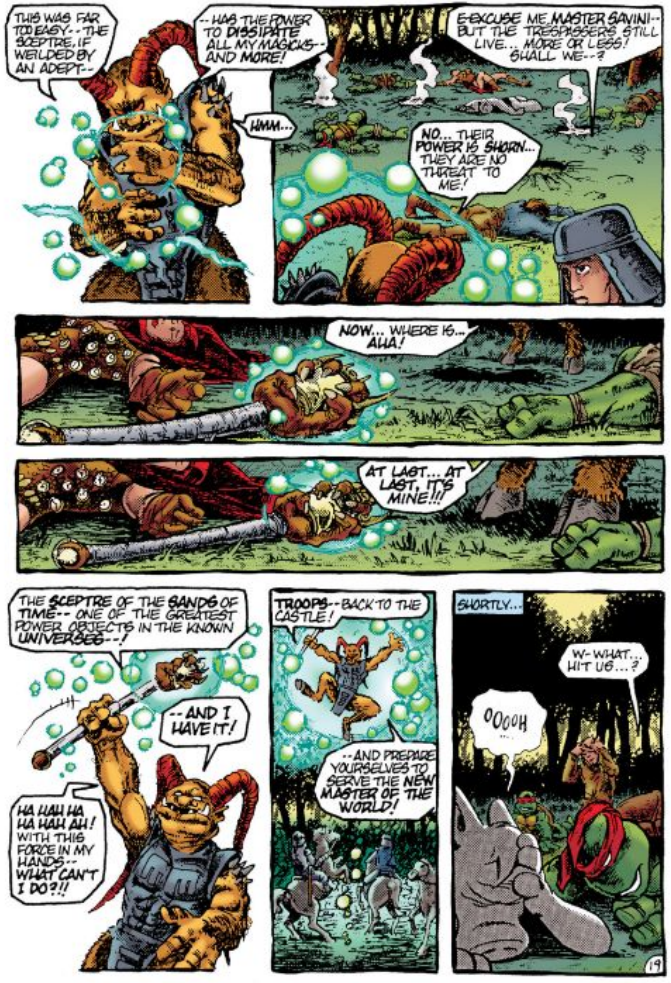
THIS WAS FAR TOO EASY--THE SCEPTRE, IF WIELDED BY AN ADEPT--
--HAS THE POWER TO DISSIPATE ALL MY MAGICKS--AND MORE!
HMM...
EXCUSE ME, MASTER SAVINI--BUT THE TRESPASSERS STILL LIVE... MORE OR LESS! SHALL WE--?
NO... THEIR POWER IS SHORN... THEY ARE NO THREAT TO ME!
NOW... WHERE IS... AHA!
AT LAST... AT LAST, IT'S MINE!!!
THE SCEPTRE OF THE SANDS OF TIME--ONE OF THE GREATEST POWER OBJECTS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSES--!
--AND I HAVE IT!
HA HAH HA HA HAH AH! WITH THIS FORCE IN MY HANDS--WHAT CAN'T I DO?!!
TROOPS--BACK TO THE CASTLE!
--AND PREPARE YOURSELVES TO SERVE THE NEW MASTER OF THE WORLD!
SHORTLY...
W-WHAT... HIT US...?
OOOOH
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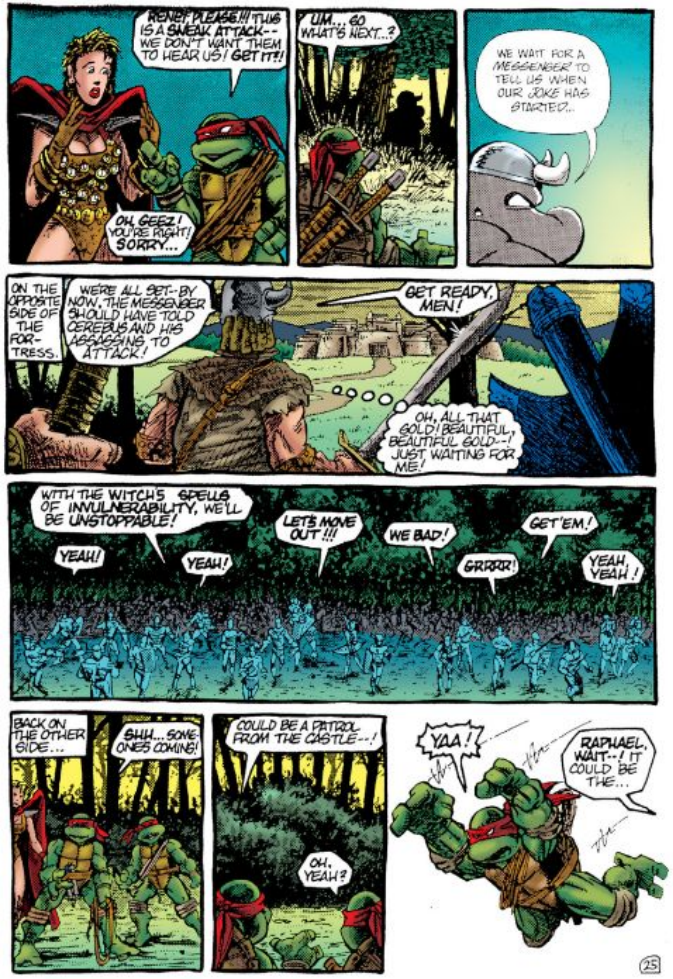
MUTHER--
IS EVERYONE OKAY?
OH, NO!
--THE SCEPTRE!
THE SCEPTRE IS GONE!
THAT GROSS HAIRY GUY MUST HAVE TAKEN IT!
A-AND.. WITHOUT THE SANDS OF TIME, WE'LL BE STUCK HERE-- LIKE, FOREVER!!!
WHAT--!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!!? WITHOUT YOUR MAGIC WAND WE CAN'T GO HOME?!
LOOK-- I'M REALLY SORRY--
OH, GREAT!
--JUST GREAT! GREAT! JUST FINE AND DANDY! URR... HOW DO WE GET INTO THESE THINGS?! WHAT A MESS!
SORRY, SORRY, SORRY--
WELL, WE HAVE NO CHOICE-- WE'LL HAVE TO GET THE SCEPTRE BACK...
OR STAY HERE FOREVER! BACK!
BUT JUST LOOK AT THAT PLACE, LEO-- WE'D NEED AN ARMY TO PUT A DENT IN IT!
A-HEM.
CEREBUS KNOWS WHERE WE CAN TRADE SOME OF THE WITCH'S JEWELRY FOR MERCENARIES
YOU GET YOUR SCEPTRE
AND CEREBUS GETS HIS TREASURE ...
DEAL?
20

A FEW HOURS LATER.
PHEWW! THIS PLACE SMELLS GROSS!
UH-OH, I THINK YOU SAT IN SOME PUKE, RENET...
OH GROSS!
HA, HA, HA! JUST KIDDING!
GGGHHH! HOLD IT DOWN, GEEZ! I WISH THAT CEREBUS GUY WOULD HURRY UP, THESE PEOPLE ARE GIVING ME THE CREEPS!
ARMORER
CHETS, TINKER
SEEK-N-FIND
21

WHERE'D HE GO ANYWAY?
OH THIS IS SO GREAT-- I LOVE BARS! GIGGLE!
WARM BEER IS MY ALL TIME FAVORITE DRINK-- HOW 'BOUT YOU?
I SEE HIM-- HE'S OVER BY THE WINDOW TALKING TO SOME GOONS!
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT? IT BETTER CONCERN GETTING INTO THAT CASTLE!
ZO... 'OW MUCH FER DE GIRL YOU COME WERE WITH, EH?
NO WAY. THE LAST TIME CEREBUS SOLD SOMEONE A WITCH, HE SPENT SIX MONTHS EATING FLIES ON A LILY PAD...
W-WITCH?!
DO YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM, LEO?
NO...
I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS, EH...
TOLD YA DIDN'T I? RIGHT FROM THE START!
OH, TAKE OFF YOU KNOB! YEP, THE MINUTE I LET THAT LITTLE GRAY FURRY GUY IN HERE LAST MONTH, I KNEW SOONER OR LATER HE'D START BRINGING HIS FRIENDS IN!
TOLD YA DIDN'T I? RIGHT FROM THE START--
OOH, THE BEACH! I JUST LIKE, LOVE THE BEACH! I MEAN, I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE, BUT I KNOW IT WOULD BE GOOO WILD! I KNOW I'D LOVE IT! TEE, HEE! CAN I HAVE ANOTHER BEER?
OH, RENET-- PLEASE! JUST PASSOUT OR SOMETHING! YAK, YAK, YAK, YAK!
HEY-- HERE HE COMES, GUYS!
22

HEY-- HAVE YOU SEEN MY HAT?
WHAT'S UP, CEREBUS? WHY'D THOSE MEN YOU WERE TALKING TO GO RUNNING OUT THE DOOR?
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THEM? WILL THEY HELP US ATTACK THE FORT? WHAT ABOUT--
STOP SWEATING IN YOUR ALE--- IT MAKES IT TASTE FUNNY
CEREBUS HAS THE ARMY WE NEED...
OH, YEAH! HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
EASY...
CEREBUS TOLD THEM THE GIRL IS MYRTLE, QUEEN OF THE MYSTIC T'CAPMIN TORTOISES AND ONCE EVERY HUNDRED YEARS SHE GRANTS AN ARMY INVULNERABILITY FROM SUNUP TO SUNDOWN
CEREBUS TOLD THEM THEY WERE THE LUCKY ARMY THIS TIME AND THAT THEY SHOULD ATTACK THE FORTRESS TOMORROW AND STEAL ALL OF THE SORCERERS GOLD
HAHAHAHAHA HAHAHAHAHA HAHAHAHAHA
JOKE RIGHT?
AHE... BE AT THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING BEHIND THE FORTRESS AT SUN-UP
AND WE'LL SEE HOW FUNNY IT IS...
23

MAYBE CEREBUS DOESN'T HAVE TO STEAL THE STUPID SCROLLS... CEREBUS IS MILES FROM THAT DAMN WIZARD...
HIS POWER COULDN'T POSSIBLY WORK AT THIS DISTANCE..... COULDN'T POSSIBLY
CEREBUS WILL JUST UP AND LEAVE...
AYE!
THAT'S IT. CEREBUS WILL JUST UP AND...
HEY, MISTER CEREBUS-- LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD, HUH?
SHHH!
OH, GEEZ...
RENET, BE QUIET!
MAYBE WE COULD LEAVE HER HERE?
OKAY OKAY
WHAT'D I DO?
DAMN WIZARDS


RENET, PLEASE!!! THIS IS A SNEAK ATTACK-- WE DON'T WANT THEM TO HEAR US! GET IT?!
OH, GEEZ! YOU'RE RIGHT! SORRY...
UM... SO WHAT'S NEXT...?
WE WAIT FOR A MESSENGER TO TELL US WHEN OUR JOKE HAS STARTED...
ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FOR-TRESS...
WE'RE ALL SET-- BY NOW, THE MESSENGER SHOULD HAVE TOLD CEREBUS AND HIS ASSASSINS TO ATTACK!
GET READY, MEN!
OH, ALL THAT GOLD! BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL GOLD--! JUST WAITING FOR ME!
WITH THE WITCH'S SPELLS OF INVULNERABILITY, WE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE!
YEAH!
YEAH!
LET'S MOVE OUT!!!
WE BAD!
GRRRR!
GET 'EM!
YEAH, YEAH!
BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE...
SHH... SOME ONES COMING!
COULD BE A PATROL FROM THE CASTLE--!
OH, YEAH?
YAA!
RAPHAEL, WAIT--! IT COULD BE THE...

...THE... MESSENGER...
UH... HEY... IT WAS THE MESSENGER! HEH... GUESS THAT MEANS WE'RE READY TO GO, HUH?
IT'S A GOOD THING CEREBUS DOESN'T BELIEVE IN OMENS
HE'S USUALLY NOT THIS BAD -- IT MUST BE THE CLEAN AIR HERE!
AH, YESSS... IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW... I REMEMBER THIS WELL... IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE OPENED THIS TEXT! OF COURSE, UNTIL NOW, I'VE HAD NO NEED TO REVIEW "101 USES FOR THE SACRED SANDS OF TIME SCEPTRE"! HEH, HEH, HEH...!
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BUT NOW I POSSESS THE SCEPTRE, WITH ALL ITS POWERS... NOW... I AM READY!!!
KILL'UM!
GUT THE TYRANT PIG DOG, SAVANTI ROMERO
YEAH!
GET HIS GOLD!
SHHH!
GOLD?
NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THE GOLD!
A THOUSAND PARDONS LORD ROMERO -- BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER UP RISING OF VILLAGERS AND ASSORTED MERCENARY SCUM -- THEY'RE ATTACKING THE FRONT GATE!
NO, KIDDING?
HOW DELIGHTFUL! THEIR TIMING COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY BETTER! MY FIRST CHANCE TO SHOW THIS WRETCHED WORLD MY NEW POWER!
27

SIRE, I'VE POSTED MORE ARCHERS ON THE WALLS-- SHALL I ORGANIZE A MOUNTED TROOP TO COUNTER ATTACK?
NO! DEFINITELY NOT! PUT EVERY AVAILABLE MAN ON THE WALLS, AND FOR NO REASON WHAT SO EVER, GO INTO THE FIELDS
SIRE?
HEH, HEH... YOU ARE ABOUT TO DISCOVER, GUARD CAPTAIN THE "WHY" BEHIND MY MAD HOBBY OF COLLECTING THE BODIES OF DEAD WARRIORS AND BURYING THEM IN THE FIELDS THAT SURROUND THIS CASTLE!
KILL! KILL!
KICK THE BUM OUT!
THROW HIM AROUND A LITTLE!
BITE 'IM!
POKE HIM IN THE EYE!
ERR... AH... YES, MY LORD.. YOUR... UH HOBBY DID SEEM A BIT... ODD...
ODD? ODD?!! YES, IT WAS RATHER ODD WASN'T IT?!! HA, HA, HA, HA! WELL, NOW YOU'LL FIND OUT WHY..
--AS ALL THOSE DEAD WARRIORS SHALL RISE TO FIGHT AGAIN!
EEEK!
23

HURRY, GUMS, PLEASE?! I HATE HEIGHTS! OOH, I'M GONNA DIE, I JUST KNOW IT!
CEREBUS AND LEO KOID THE GUARDS-- HURRY, BEFORE WE'RE SPOTTED!
UNF--! SHES UP! LET'S MOVE!
LET'S SEE-- SORCERERS ARE PARTIAL TO ODD-SHAPED QUARTERS...
LIKE THAT TOWER OVER THERE...
CEREBUS CAN TAKE OUT MOST OF THE GUARDS HIMSELF
TRY AND KEEP THE "KILLER OF MESSENGERS" ON A SHORT LEASH
24

RISE, MY DEAD ONES--! LET THE SLAIN BECOME SLAYERS!
TARTER SAUCE, SALSA, AND MUSTARD, PHEW! BAGBALM, GARLIC AND MIXED SALTS TOO!
SPLOK
POP
PUCK
HEE HEE HEE HEE
SNICKER SNORT
GIGGLE
PICKLES, ONIONS AND SOME SPECIAL KINDA GOO! TUTTI-FRUTTI SKIP-A-DEE DOO! UP MY DEAD, GET A CLUE, IT'S TIME TO LIVE, THERES LOTS TO DO!
HAH! IT'S DONE -- THE WORDS ARE SPOKEN! BY THE POWER OF THE SANDS OF TIME, MY ARMY LIVES! LAUGH --LAUGH, YOU UNDEAD FOOLS-- YOUR MASTER, SAVANTI ROMERO, COMMANDS IT!
HEE HEE HA HA HAH HEE HEE HAH HEE HEE
HAHAHAH

WAIT!
TWO GUARDS--ONE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE DOORS!
GOT'EM!
HA!!--
UHN!
WHAP
BAM
OOF!
LET'S GO!
LOOK-- REBELS! INSIDE THE WALLS! GET THEM!
AH-- I BELIEVE THEY PLAN ON GETTING US-- HERE THEY COME!
NEXT TIME YELL "LET'S GO" A LITTLE LOUDER
SOME OF THEM DIDN'T HEAR YOU
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BUMP
THUCK
ACK!
KAWA
I'VE GOT THE DOOOR-- EVERYONE INSIDE, QUICKLY!
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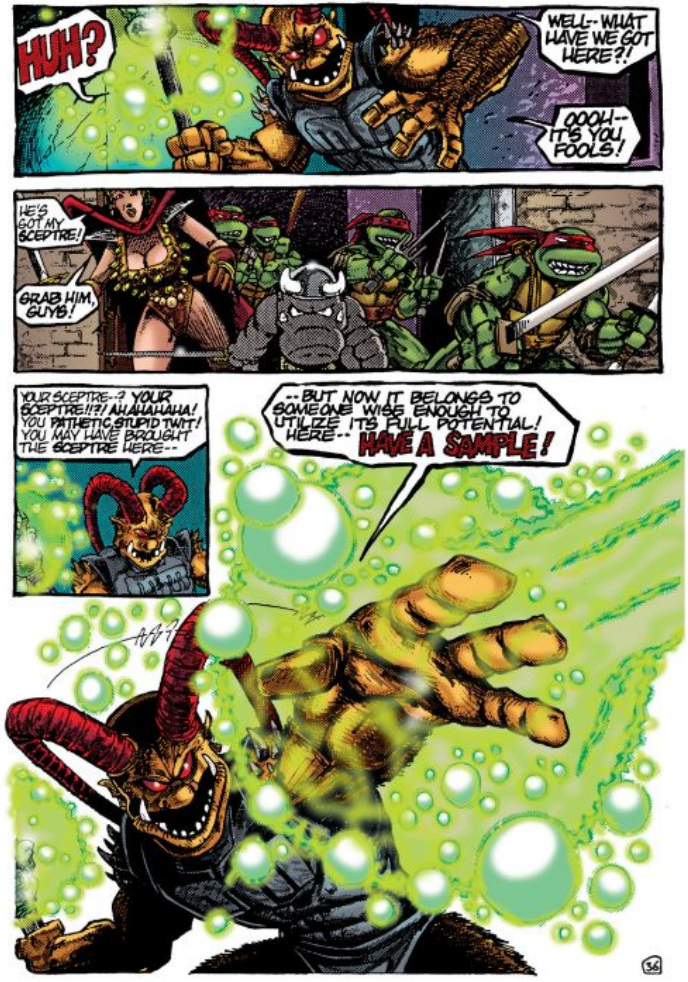
OUTSIDE...
HA HA HA


HUH?
WELL--WHAT HAVE WE GOT HERE?!
OOOH--IT'S YOU, FOOLS!
HE'S GOT MY SCEPTRE!
GRAB HIM, GUYS!
YOUR SCEPTRE--? YOUR SCEPTRE!!?! AH-HAHAHAHA! YOU PATHETIC, STUPID TWIT! YOU MAY HAVE BROUGHT THE SCEPTRE HERE--
--BUT NOW IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE WISE ENOUGH TO UTILIZE ITS FULL POTENTIAL! HERE-- HAVE A SAMPLE!
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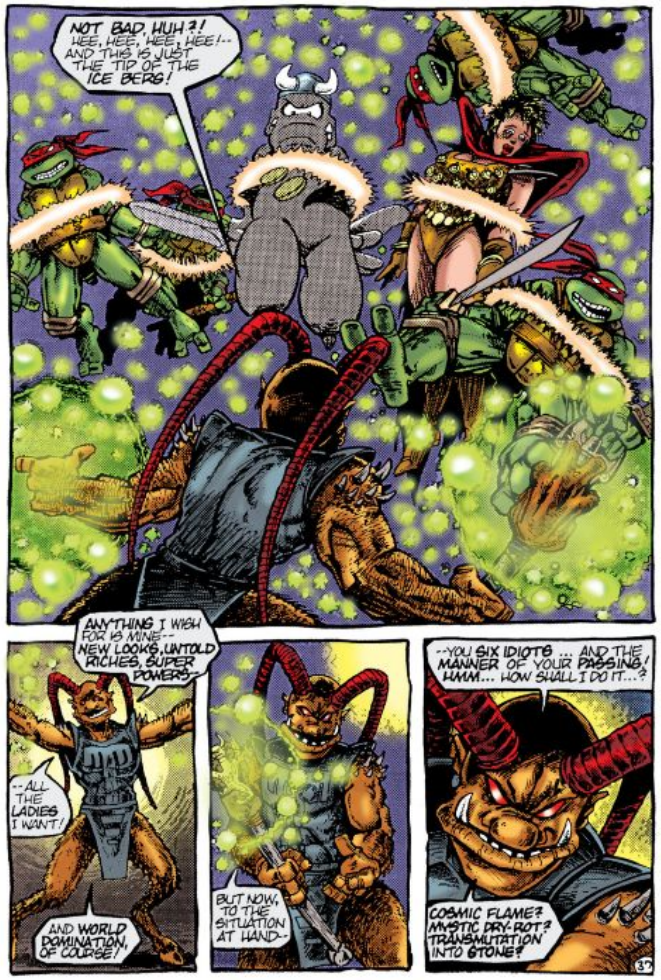
NOT BAD, HUH?! HEE, HEE, HEE, HEE!-- AND THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICE BERG!
AN'THING I WISH FOR IS MINE--- NEW LOOKS, UNTOLD RICHES, SUPER POWERS--
--ALL THE LADIES I WANT!
AND WORLD DOMINATION, OF COURSE!
BUT NOW, TO THE SITUATION AT HAND--
--YOU SIX IDIOTS ... AND THE MANNER OF YOUR PASSING! HMM... HOW SHALL I DO IT...?
COSMIC FLAME? MYSTIC PRY-BOT? TRANSMUTATION INTO STONE?
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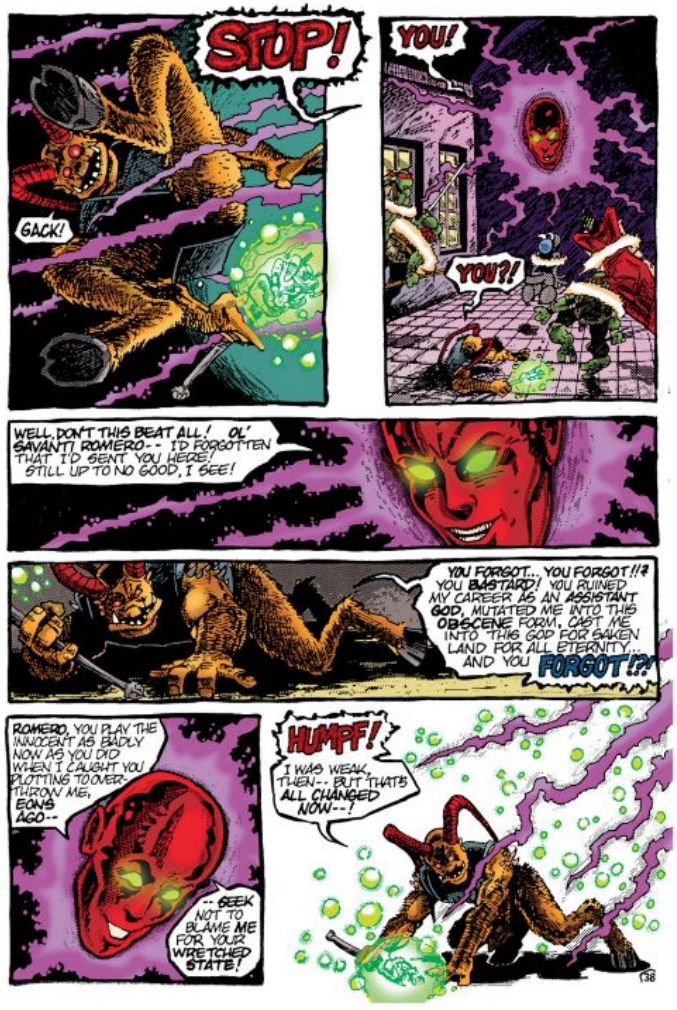
STOP!
GACK!
YOU!
YOU?!
WELL, DON'T THIS BEAT ALL! OL' SAVANT, ROMERO-- I'D FORGOTTEN THAT I'D SENT YOU HERE! STILL UP TO NO GOOD, I SEE!
YOU FORGOT... YOU FORGOT!!? YOU BASTARD! YOU RUINED MY CAREER AS AN ASSISTANT GOD, MUTATED ME INTO THIS OBSCENE FORM, CAST ME INTO THIS GOD FORSAKEN LAND FOR ALL ETERNITY... AND YOU FORGOT!?
ROMERO, YOU PLAY THE INNOCENT AS BADLY NOW AS YOU DID WHEN I CAUGHT YOU PLOTTING TO OVER-THROW ME, EONS AGO--
-- SEEK NOT TO BLAME ME FOR YOUR WRETCHED STATE!
HUMPF!
I WAS WEAK, THEN-- BUT THAT'S ALL CHANGED NOW--!
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--YOUR SCEPTRE WITH THE SACRED SANDS OF TIME--
IT'S MINE NOW!
HOW ABOUT THAT! ONE OF THE GREATEST POWER OBJECTS IN EXISTENCE-- AND I CONTROL IT!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY TO THAT, YOU OLD FOOL?!
HA HA HA HEE HEE HO HA HE
HO, HO-- OH BOY, THAT'S A GOOD ONE!
DUM-DEE DUM-DEE DUM-DEE DUM--
HERE WE GO!!
I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT A COMEDIAN YOU WERE, ROMERO! HEE, HEE HEE! WHAT A CARD, WHAT A CUT UP--
GAARRR!!
DON'T LAUGH AT ME-- I HATE THAT! YOU ALWAYS LAUGHED AT ME! WELL, AFTER TODAY, NO MORE!
TODAY, I GET EVEN!!
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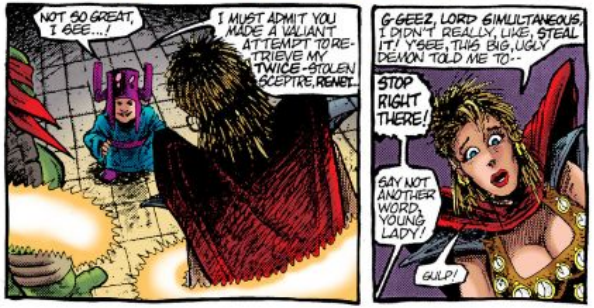
FRY! FRY!
OXIDIZE AND DIE! HA, HA, HA!
BURN, SCORCH, SEAR, AND CHAR!
COOK, SIZZLE -- DO SOMETHING HOT!
COME ON...! A SPARK?! ANYTHING?
PLEASE...?
DONE YET?
PUFF! WHEEZE! GASP!
UH-OH...I THINK I BE IN TROUBLE..

WHA--WHAT PUFF HAPPENED? YOU DIDN'T EVEN TWITCH?
ALL THE SCEPTRE'S WHEEZE POWER... DIDN'T TOUCH YOU... WHY--?
FIZZLE
SPARK
SPARK
SPUTTER
ZZZT
OH, SAVANT!-- YOU REALLY ARE AN AMUSING FELLOW!
I DIDN'T REALIZE WHEN I IMPROVED YOUR LOOKS AND SENT YOU TO THIS ERA, IT WOULD AFFECT YOUR MIND SO MUCH!
YOU SEE, WHAT IT BASICALLY COMES DOWN TO IS THIS: YOU'RE WAY BEHIND THE TIMES...
THIS IS THE NEW GENERATION OF POWER OBJECTS--
...THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE TODAY PUTS THOSE CRUMMY OLD MYSTIC TALISMANS TO SHAME! THIS, MY FRIEND IS THE MOST POWERFUL OBJECT IN THE TRANS-TEMPORAL UNIVERSE--
THE DIGITAL COSMIC QUARTZ!!
AND NOW SAVANT...!
....NOW YOU SHALL FEEL ITS MIGHT!!!

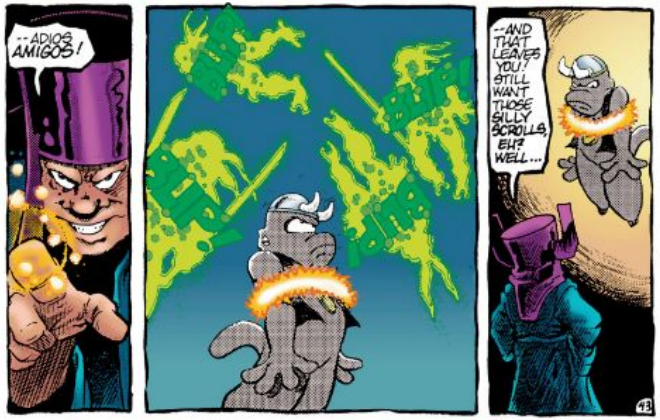
NO PLEASE--! I'LL BE GOOD THIS TIME, REALLY! WILL! PLEASE, PLEASE!
GOOD BYE, SAVANTI!
SNAP!
BLIP!
SO MUCH FOR THAT PEST! NOW...

HI GUYS!
RENET!
HOW'S IT GOING?


NOT SO GREAT, I SEE...!
I MUST ADMIT YOU MADE A VALIANT ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE MY TWICE-STOLEN SCEPTRE, RENET.
G-GEEZ, LORD SIMULTANEOUS, I DIDN'T REALLY, LIKE, STEAL IT! Y'SEE, THIS BIG, UGLY DEMON TOLD ME TO--
STOP RIGHT THERE!
SAY NOT ANOTHER WORD, YOUNG LADY!
GULP!

YOU ARE IN AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TROUBLE AS IT IS--
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ADD A FEW MORE LIES TO YOUR STACK OF OFFENSES?!

LEAVE HER ALONE, BUTTHEAD! CAN'T YOU SEE SHE'S SCARED TO DEATH OF YOU?! NO WONDER SHE LEFT YOUR SERVICE! AND IF YOU LAY ONE FINGER ON HER, I'LL--
WELL, LA DEE DAH! DON'T WORRY, CHUM-- THIS "BUTTHEAD" WON'T HARM RENET IN THE WAY YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT-- BUT SHE WILL BE PUNISHED!
ANYWAY, YOU LOT ARE THE LAST BUNCH OF LOOKIES I NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO--! I THINK IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE--


--ADIOS AMIGOS!
--AND THAT LEAVES YOU! STILL WANT THOSE SILLY SCROLLS, EH? WELL...

POOF!
HERE YOU GO!
BYE NOW!

BRIP
WELL, IT'S DOWN TO JUST YOU AND I, MY ADVENTUROUS ONE--
TIME TO GO HOME AND FACE THE MUSIC, RENET!

OOH, HE'S GONNA KILL ME, I JUST KNOW IT!!!
NO, I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU! CALM DOWN!
GEEZ! WHAT A WORRY WART!
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EPILOGUE

OH, THIS REALLY BITES THE BIG ONE! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TIME ZONE I'M IN!
WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN THIS?!

CEREBUS IS COMING WITH THE SCROLLS DAMMIT...
CUT CEREBUS SOME SLACK!

YAAH! IT'S ALL DARK! WHERE ARE WE?!
HOME, RAPH-- NEW YORK.
WE'RE IN A DUMPSTER.
MUMPH-- THESE TRIPS HAVE GOT TO STOP! THE LANDINGS ARE KILLERS!
:GAFF: MIKE: GET OFF MY HEAD!

OH, COME ON MASTER-- THIS IS A BIT MUCH, DON'T YOU THINK? I MEAN LOOK, I WASN'T REALLY THAT BAD, WAS I?! COME ON, PLEASE? I'LL BE GOOD, I PROMISE! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO WEAR THESE?
WILL YOU PPLLLEEAZZZE, BE QUIET!!! YOU'VE ONLY HAD THEM ON FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES! IF YOU STOP COMPLAINING NOW, I MIGHT TAKE THEM OFF IN A WEEK! NOW SHUT UP AND KEEP DUSTING!
BUTTHEAD!
ANOTHER WEEK!
OOP!
END
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